



New Mexico Supplement

Good Knights,



D.W. Winchester, PGC
Grand Commander

As many may or may not know this article is written far in advance so I am in the middle of November writing what should be talked about in January. First and foremost, I hope that everyone had a very good Thanksgiving with family and loved ones and a very Merry and blessed Christmas.

Here are a few items of importance that came out of the Southwest Department conference during the first part of November:

MEMBERSHIP

The Grand Encampment would like to see a 5% increase in membership across the board. Doesn't sound so hard does it? Just think for a moment. This means we need 5 new Sir Knights for every hundred we have. Just to round figures out, say we have a total of 300 Sir Knights in the state of New Mexico (which is close), so that means we need 15 new Sir Knights each year to fulfill this not including SNPD, deaths or transfers. If we have 5 of the previous, then we now need 20 new members to account for the 5% increase. The last Land of Enchantment festival made 11 new Sir Knights. Nicely done to the Land of Enchantment committee. The New Mexico Grand Commandery membership team had a 50% reduction in non-payment of dues. Nice job and very well done. Make no mistake, Sir Knights this is a personal undertaking for us all, not just the committees or the recorder of your local commandery or even the Grand Commandery's Recorder but each and everyone of us. Get back to the basics. The Blue Lodges are the important ones to us all because if they falter and fail, we all falter and fail.

Protocol was next on the list of main things mentioned. This is something that we as Sir Knights need to do correctly. I have been to too many places that protocol was not as important as it should have been. Heard to many times, "I forgot you were here," or "I didn't see you sitting there." This is something that should never ever be done. If it takes and extra 5 minutes before you open so be it. "WRITE IT DOWN". This is more important than to give the person the respect and recognition due to the office that he holds. Do it right and do it the best possible way. All positions are written in our books to be properly done.

Welcome Sir Knights to the next decade. 2019 is gone and 2020 has arrived. There will be a lot of jokes going around about this new year. We as Sir Knights have our morals and our mission and we should have a good "Vision" for this next year. As stated earlier our vision from the Grand Encampment is clear. Let us not falter or fail in our mission to fulfill our destiny to do our utmost as Masons and Sir Knights. In my view of things, we will not fail.

Sir Knights I hope and pray that each and everyone of us has a prosperous New Year. From my Lady Denise and I we do wish this to one and all.

Courteously,

D. W. Winchester,
Grand Commander



KEEP IT ON YOUR CALENDAR

- The **Grand York Rite Quarterly Meeting:** January 25, 2020, at 9 a.m. at the Grand Lodge Offices in Albuquerque. (**Breakfast provided by the Youth Groups served at 8 a.m.**)
- The **Grand York Rite Sessions:** April 16 – 18, 2019 at the Ballut Abyad Shrine in Albuquerque

An Honor Guard of Farmington Sir Knights assisted with the 125th Anniversary Celebration of Lebanon Lodge attended by many of our Masonic Family.

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